

Sociology 480
Whitewash Quiz
7/21/00

A. Answer any 10 of the following 13 questions. Note that I have used the following abbreviations, which you may also use if you wish:

HW - Harold Weisberg
WC - Warren Commission
LHO - Lee Harvey Oswald
TSBD - Texas School Book Depository

1. In terms of the failure of institutions, what failure does HW highlight and discuss in the Preface, at the very beginning of Whitewash?
2. Briefly describe the composition of the WC and how the commission went about its task, as HW discusses this in "A Word About Investigations."
(Note: I am not looking for specific names.)
3. How did the WC treat the testimony of Gov. Connally and his wife?
4. In what sense was LHO a "bird in the hand" to the Dallas Police (and later, the FBI and WC), as HW stresses in the opening of Chapter 3, "The Set-Up for an Assassination?"
5. Identify any 2 pieces of its own evidence which contradicts the WC's assertion that LHO brought the alleged assassination rifle to the TSBD on the morning of the assassination.
6. What was the official Marine Corps' interpretation of LHO's last shooting skills test? Why is this significant?
7. Identify any 3 aspects of the Army tests which are not true to the conditions under which LHO allegedly assassinated President Kennedy.
8. Considering all aspects of the Dallas Police Dept.'s handling of LHO and the evidence against him, identify and briefly discuss any three things they clearly did wrong.
9. HW quotes the Warren Report regarding the person Congressman Ford called the most important witness: "It says, 'Brennan also testified that LHO, whom he viewed in the police lineup the night of the assassination, was the man he saw fire the shots from the sixth floor of the Depository Building.'" What is wrong with this?
10. What was wrong with the police lineups, especially in connection with the witnesses to the Tippit murder?
11. Identify any two ways in which LHO's legal rights were violated.
12. How was Marina Oswald treated by the FBI and WC? And why is she included in HW's chapter on LHO's government relations?
13. Basically, how did the WC handle reports of the "false Oswald?"